such officials to find out the truth or otherwise of the reports; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Government is not aware of any officer working in the Prime Minister's office having contacts with ISI.

Recovery of Radioactive substances from Terrorists in Jaipur

5491. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI O. P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the son of a Member of Parliament was kidnapped by terrorists in Jaipur recently and was subsequently rescused by the security forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in course of the rescue operations, police discovered, inter-alia, a bag with U.S. Atomic Research Department's markings in possession of the terrorists; if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps, if any, taken and/or are contemplated to detect as to how such a bag, designed to contain redioactive substances in the U.S.A. reached the terrorist activists in India, and as to whether a clandestine channel between the authorities of the country of origin of the material and the terrorist outfits in India, exists;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of measures taken to demolish such channels (s)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (f) According to information received from Government of Rajasthan, Shri Rajinder Mirdha, son of Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, Member of Parliament and ex-Union Minister was kidnapped by militants from outside his house, Ashok Nagar in Jaipur on 17th February, 1995. He was rescued by Police on 25th February, 1995 from the militants after an encounter in the Model Town area of the Police Station Malaviya Nagar, Jaipur. One militant of Khalistan Liberation Force was shot dead. While following the leads recovered from the Model Town house, another hideout of the Khalistan Liberation Force was discovered in the Vaishali Nagar area of Jaipur. During search of this house, RDX explosive material, remote control devices, one AK-56 Rifle, detonetors and a sealed leather pouch was also recovered. The pouch had embossed on it "Made in USA ..... State Crystalat U.R. "235" .... "234" M.R. 1008 ....., Atomic Research Department Base .... Uranium..... Exp. DT. 1.11.2000". The Division was examined by an expert of the Atomic Energy Division and later on by Bhaba Atomic Research Centre, Bombay. It was found that the material was of cation exchange resin (Organic in nature). No radio activitity was found emanating from the material and the experts observed that there was no Uranium in the packet.

Increase in the pension amount of Freedom Fighters

5492. SHRI TINDIVANAM VANKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present amount of pension to freedom fighters per mensem; and

(b) whether Government propose to raise the monthly amount of pension bearing in mind the steep cost of living, if so, what is the revised amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The present amount of pension being paid to freedom fighters and their spouses is Rs. 1500 per month. The amount of pension in the case of ex-Andaman Political Prisoners is